



Meeting Notes

Place: Jaffrey Fire Department

Date: June 27, 2017

Notes Taken by: Evan Drew

Project #: 52457.00

Re: Jaffrey Route 202 Dogleg
#16307

Advisory Committee Attendees:

Max Mitchell, Chamber of Commerce

Stephanie Niemela, TEAM Jaffrey

Keith Dupuis, Industrial business/trucking

William Graf, Conservation Commission

Don Stewart, Citizen at Large

Ed Merrell, Planning Board

David Reilly, Schools

Jon Frederick, Town Manager

John Peard, Downtown Business(es)

Frank Sterling, Selectboard

Randy Heglin, DPW

Bill Oswalt, Police

David Chamberlain, Fire

Jo Anne Carr, Planning/EDC

Victoria Chase, NHDOT

Marty Kennedy, VHB

Evan Drew, VHB

Non-committee member attendees

Tory McCagg Resident

Dan Lawn, Resident

Carl Querforth, Resident

Mr. Kennedy opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the second Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting for the Jaffrey Route 202 Dogleg Study. Mr. Kennedy continued with a brief overview of the study scope, study area, and study schedule. Mr. Kennedy made the point that the problem to be addressed is the Peterborough St./Main St./River St. Dogleg intersections and that the wider study area is to ensure that we evaluate potential impacts that any proposed alternatives might create. The study is not about addressing any unrelated problems within the wider study area.

Mr. Kennedy proceeded to discuss the process and reason for crafting a Purpose and Need Statement, as required for the project. He indicated that:

- The Purpose defines the transportation problem to be solved, and
- The Need provides data to support the problem statement (Purpose)

He also stated that the Purpose should be described as a positive outcome, should not describe a solution, and should be stated in broad terms so as to not prematurely dismiss any alternatives.

The Need should establish evidence that the problem exists, should be factually based, and should support the assertion made in the purpose statement.

Mr. Kennedy also noted that any considerations that are important to the Community beyond the defined Purpose can be expressed in the Purpose & Need Statement to provide context.

Mr. Kennedy shared an example of a Purpose and Need Statement from the I-293 Exits 6 and 7 project, which is ongoing in Manchester, NH, noting that Jaffrey's Purpose & Need Statement would be unique to itself.

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At this point, Mr. Kennedy provided a brief overview of the weekday AM and PM peak hour turning movement counts, the drone video (noting large truck maneuverability issues, potentially hazardous pedestrian crossing activity, and a motorist making a U-turn maneuver on Main Street between the two signalized intersections).

To begin to craft the project's Purpose and Need Statement, the Committee members were asked to define the problem that is to be solved.

The Advisory Committee identified the following problems:

Problems

- Inefficient traffic flow through the dogleg signalized intersections
- Safety, particularly for pedestrians, is a concern - long crosswalks at the Peterborough St/Turnpike Rd/Stratton Rd/Blake St/Main St intersection
- Air quality in the downtown created by traffic congestion
- Proximity of the two signalized intersections causing vehicles to back into and block traffic at the adjacent intersection
- Limited parking along Main Street
- Noise in the downtown created by motor vehicles and truck activity
- Poor intersection geometry limits the maneuverability of large trucks
- Maintaining roadway, pavement marking conditions, signal operations (State or Local responsibility)

Context

In addition to defining the problem, the Committee expressed other community character thoughts that should be considered within the context of the Purpose and Need Statement

- Maintaining, if not enhancing, the interaction between travelers and downtown businesses
- Maintaining, if not improving, convenient parking in the downtown
- Increasing pedestrian mobility and enhancing pedestrian safety
- Need to discourage motorists from using neighborhood streets as cut-through routes

Mr. Kennedy concluded the meeting by reviewing the schedule and told the Advisory Committee to expect a third Technical Advisory Committee meeting in mid to late August. He indicated that, based on today's input, he would draft a Purpose Statement and email it to Committee members for comment prior to the next meeting.